

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claim 16 was amended. No new matter was added. Claims 3 and 13 were previously canceled without prejudice and claims 1, 11, 12 and 15 were canceled via this paper. Therefore, claims 2, 4-10, 14 and 16-20 remain pending in this application.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 12 and 16 were objected to due to minor formalities. For claim 12, the Examiner suggested inserting the word --assembly-- after the phrase "head actuator" in line 1 of that claim. Claim 12 was folded into newly independent claim 16 and the phrase "head actuator assembly" is referred to in the preamble.

For claim 16, Applicant inserted --center-- before the first occurrence of the word "pole" as the Examiner suggested.

Withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Nayak (U.S. Patent No. 5,371,636).

Claims 1 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nayak.

Claims 1, 11-12 and 15 were canceled without prejudice and the rejections of these claims are therefore moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 2-10, 14 and 16-20. Claim 16 was re-written into independent form and includes all the limitations of preceding canceled claims 11, 12 and 15.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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